



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
BRAVO BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 19TH FIELD ARTILLERY
434TH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE
FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503-6202

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF BRAVO BATTERY/ 1ST BATTALION, 19TH FIELD ARTILLERY

SUBJECT: Graduation Letter

1. The Soldiers of Bravo Battery are proving their toughness every day. They are motivated, fit, knowledgeable, and ready to graduate! Before they do, however, there is still a couple more weeks of rigorous training.

This is the time of the cycle when families are anxious to make their travel plans to see their Soldier graduate. This letter will provide you with the useful information in order to make your travel plans. You may not to consider not making travel purchases until you have heard from your Soldier that they will graduate. I will ensure your Soldier contacts you on the day they are eligible to graduate. When you make your travel plans, please keep in mind travel time to the airports; approximately 1.5 hours to Oklahoma City and 20 minutes from Lawton Regional Airport.

While you are here, we ask that you help preserve historical Fort Sill. Please wear appropriate attire. There is no dress code, but vulgar or distasteful slogans or exposures are not acceptable at family events. All civilians and military personnel entering Fort Sill must present a valid driver's license or Military ID at the gate. Enclosed within this letter is a pre- approved Visitor's vehicle pass that you will need to display in vehicle to make entrance onto Fort Sill an easier process. All Personally Owned Vehicles are subject to search by Fort Sill Police. Personally owned firearms are not allowed on Fort Sill or at the graduation facility. Large bags, parcels, and backpacks will not be permitted at these events as well. Use of cellular phones while driving on Fort Sill is strictly prohibited unless used with a hands free device. Please cooperate with these measures at all times.

2. The Family Day Ceremony will begin at 09:00 on 23 April, 2015 at 5970 South Boundary Road, Fort Sill, OK 73503. This will occur at the Battery location. Family Day highlights your Soldiers achievements over the basic combat training cycle through a series of demonstrations on weapons, tactics, drill and ceremony, and physical fitness. Then, I will provide essential information on the pass policies for Family Day and Graduation. At the conclusion of this ceremony, your Soldier may be released on pass.

The graduation Ceremony will begin at 10:00 on 24 April, 2015 at the McMahon Theater 801 NW Ferris Ave, Lawton, OK 73507. During the ceremony, please feel free to take pictures of your Soldier as the graduate. The graduating class will be seated together and will not have an opportunity to socialize during this time.

3. The timeline for Family Day and Graduation are as follows:

Family Day: 23 April 2015

08:30a.m. – 09:00a.m.	Arrival for Family Day Activities
09:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.	Family Day Ceremony
10:00a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Pass Privileges
8:00 p.m.	Accountability Formation (Please do not be late)

Graduation: 24 April 2015

9:40a.m. – 10:00a.m.	Doors open and Seating
10:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Graduation Ceremony
11:00a.m – 8:00 p.m.	Pass Privileges (Depending on Soldier's departure times for AIT)
8:00 p.m.	Accountability Formation (Please do not be late)

4. I hope you enjoy your visit to the Lawton/ Fort Sill Area. Lawton/ Fort Sill offer a vast array of attractions. As you may know, Fort Sill is located in Southwest Oklahoma and is surrounded by the Wichita Mountains. If you

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take a drive through the Wichita Mountains, you can visit several tourist sites, such as the Holy City and the Wichita Refuge Center. In Lawton, you can enjoy the Great Plains Museum and enjoy some entertainment. On Fort Sill, you have the options to tour Geronimo's Guard House and Gravesite, the Old Post Quadrangle Museum, and the US Army Field Artillery Museum. You can find additional information about local hotels and restaurants, as well as other attractions in the Lawton/Fort Sill area at the Chamber of Commerce website:

- a. <http://www.lawtonfortsillchamber.com>
 - b. Additional information can be found at <http://sill-www.army.mil/INDEX/maps> and <http://sill-www.army.mil>
 - c. You can contact me via telephone at any time at the following number (580) 442-1412 or the following email address Anthony.j.varela2.mil@mail.mil.
5. On behalf of the Battery Cadre and Drill Sergeants, we look forward to meeting you and hope you enjoy your Soldier's graduation. CRUSH YOUR ENEMIES!

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